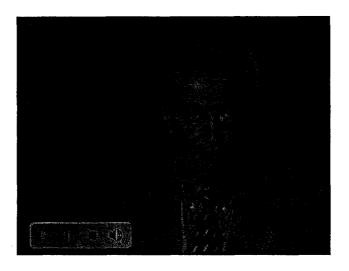
EXHIBIT A

While you are waiting...

About Brain Injury:

A Guide to Brain Anatomy, Function and Symptoms



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Brain Structure	Function	Associated Signs and Symptoms
Cerebral Cortex Ventral View (From bottom)	The outermost layer of the cerebral hemisphere which is composed of gray matter. Cortices are asymmetrical. Both hemispheres are able to analyze sensory data, perform memory functions, learn new information, form thoughts and make decisions.	
Left Hemisphere	Sequential Analysis: systematic, logical interpretation of information. Interpretation and production of symbolic information:language,	

Right Hemisphere	mathematics, abstraction and reasoning. Memory stored in a language format. Holistic Functioning: processing multi-sensory input simultaneously to provide "holistic" picture of one's environment. Visual spatial skills. Holistic functions such as dancing and gymnastics are coordinated by the right hemisphere. Memory is stored in auditory, visual and spatial modalities.	
Corpus Callosum	Connects right and left hemisphere to allow for communication between the hemispheres. Forms roof of the lateral and third ventricles.	Damage to the Corpus Callosum may result in "Split Brain" syndrome.
Frontal Lobe Ventral View (From Bottom)	Cognition and memory. Prefrontal area: The ability to concentrate and attend, elaboration of thought. The "Gatekeeper"; (judgment, inhibition). Personality and emotional traits. Movement: Motor Cortex (Brodman's): voluntary motor activity.	 Impairment of recent memory, inattentiveness, inability to concentrate, behavior disorders, difficulty in learning new information. Lack of inhibition (inappropriate social and/or sexual behavior). Emotional lability. "Flat" affect. Contralateral plegia, paresis. Expressive/motor aphasia.
Side View	Premotor Cortex: storage of motor patterns and voluntary activities. Language: motor speech Diagram	

Parietal Lobe	Processing of sensory input, sensory discrimination. Body orientation.	 Inability to discriminate between sensory stimuli. Inability to locate and recognize parts of the body (Neglect). Severe Injury: Inability to recognize self. Disorientation of environment space.
	Primary/ secondary somatic area.	Inability to write.
Occipital Lobe	Primary visual reception area.	 Primary Visual Cortex: loss of vision opposite field. Visual Association
	Primary visual association area: Allows for visual interpretation.	Cortex: loss of ability to recognize object seen in opposite field of vision, "flash of light", "stars".
Temporal Lobe	Auditory receptive area and association areas.	Hearing deficits.Agitation, irritability, childish behavior.
	Expressed behavior. Language: Receptive speech. Memory: Information retrieval.	Receptive/ sensory aphasia.
	Olfactory pathways:	Loss of sense of smell. A citation loss of control
Limbic System	Amygdala and their different pathways.	Agitation, loss of control of emotion. Loss of recent memory.
	Hippocampi and their different pathways. Limbic lobes: Sex, rage, fear; emotions. Integration of recent memory, biological rhythms.	

Hypothalamus. Movement disorders: Subcortical gray matter nuclei. chorea, tremors at rest and **Basal Ganglia** Processing link between with initiation of thalamus and motor cortex. movement, abnormal Initiation and direction of increase in muscle tone, voluntary movement. Balance difficulty initiating (inhibitory), Postural reflexes. movement. • Parkinson's. Part of extrapyramidal system: regulation of automatic movement.

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- Rancho Los Amigos Scale/ The Levels of Coma
- Objectives of Neurosurgery
- A Glossary of Terms





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